

ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL

Executive Board Meeting Minutes September 20, 2001

I. Call to Order. The Council was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Tim Smothers, AGIC President. A count of Board Members established that a quorum was present. (See attached list of Board Members present).

II. Budget Update. Gary Irish, acting as an Alternate Representative for Lynn Larson, reported on the status for the AGIC and AGIC Conference Budget. The AGIC Budget showed no new contributions or expenditures for the new Fiscal Year. One contributor was still not identified. Several issues of billing for AGIC dues were discussed. This included the receipt and payment of an invoice for \$10,000 from the Department of Commerce. The billing was for the year one amount specified in the MOU between Commerce and the Arizona for the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) State Advisor Program. Previously, ADOT had earmarked \$5000 and AGFD had earmarked \$2500 of their AGIC fees toward this payment. The remaining \$2500 was paid for out of the State Cartographer's Office.

Gary explained that \$20,000 was moved from the Conference Budget to the AGIC Budget to comply with the approved motion to do so from the last Board meeting. He followed up by explaining that the money is moved to make it available for use in AGIC projects. The money remaining in the Conference Budget is used to plan and organize the upcoming AGIC Conference.

Action Item: Dues and invoices for services will be issued at the next AGIC Executive Management Board Meeting. The new billings will take into account comments received from members during the last billing cycle.

III. Approval of Minutes of the July 19, 2001 meeting. Tim Smothers requested a motion to approve. Motion forwarded by Steve Frazier. Seconded by Leland Dexter. Motion approved unanimously.

Action Item: Approval of minutes approved unanimously.

IV. Subcommittee Reports.

A. Administration and Legal Subcommittee Report.

1. AGIC Brochure

Copies of the draft AGIC Brochure were passed out to Board members for review and comment. It is anticipated that the content is close to final and the layout will go through further review.

Action Item: Board members to forward review comments and revisions to Jana Fry or Gene Trobia as soon as possible. The Brochure is scheduled to be finalized and distributed at SWUG 2001 Conference in October.

2. Strategic Plan

Jana Fry explained that the planning group is still working on reorganizing and streamlining the strategic plan. The intent of the group is to identify AGIC core functions as well as future directions.

Action Item: The Strategic Planning group will continue to work on the Strategic Plan and have a draft Plan ready for presentation at the SWUG 2001 Conference and the next Board meeting.

3. Reimbursement for AGIC President Travel to NSGIC Annual Conference

Gene Trobia requested reimbursement for Tim Smothers travel to the NSGIC Annual Conference in St. Louis. A motion to approve was made by Rick Harrington and seconded by Gregg Tuttle.

Action Item: Motion was approved unanimously.

B. Data Resources

1. Maricopa County Flood Control District (MCFCD) Presentation “Sharing Orthophotography with Maricopa County.”

Marta Dent, MCFCD, made a brief presentation regarding an ongoing project to provide 1 foot pixel imagery of Maricopa County. The initial cost was \$1.2 million for Countywide coverage, excluding the Barry Goldwater Gunnery Range. Marta suggested that agencies could participate with the program and future flights that the data could be shared with participants and, with enough partners, the imagery updates could be flown regularly and accuracy could be improved. This could save agencies on the cost of flying the imagery themselves and contribute to a common imagery base for the whole county. The presentation included background on the imagery and actions taken to obtain partners to date and in the future. Marta also went on to request that AGIC members wishing to participate in the project should contact her. Discussion followed of how the data could be shared. Marta distributed a handout with more information.

Action Item: Those interested in partnering with MCFCD should contact Marta Dent. If there is enough demand, then AGIC might consider becoming a partner in order to share the imagery between member agencies.

2. Statewide DOQQ Update

Gene Trobia presented an update of the current status of compiling and compressing 1 Degree Blocks of Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quadrangles (DOQQs) statewide. A status graphic showing those blocks and portions of blocks that have been finished in the souther tier of the state. Gene also showed a sample area of DOQQs with transportation data overlaid on the imagery in order to show how the two may be used together and demonstrate some of the issues involved in how data may register to the imagery. This activity is ongoing and is scheduled to be finished by early next year pending available funds. The DOQQs will be made available to all AGIC member organizations.

Action Item: A report will be prepared on the status of the project to include funding projections for the next Board meeting.

3. Projection and Datum Standard Proposal

Victor Gass presented a request for the State Cartographer's Office (SCO) and AGIC to review a Projection and Datum Standard Draft that was handed out to the Board. A discussion followed of the current multiple standards and the need to move to a common projection and datum of UTM NAD 83 for statewide data. The consensus was that a common, well documented standard would be useful to assure that state agency data could be integrated and re-projected effectively for use with data in other projections. Discussion followed on what agencies are doing regarding projection and datum and the pros of moving to a common standard. Jack Johnson stated that BLM was moving toward NAD83. A show of hands indicated that no member present was against moving to a standard projection and datum for statewide data. County and local agencies, and agencies with different requirements, will continue the projection and datum they now do and will not be forced to changed due to this standard. A motion for the SCO to proceed to develop a Projection and Datum Standard was made by Victor Gass and seconded by Leland Dexter. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: The SCO will work with AGIC to develop a proposed Projection and Datum Standard.

V. NSGIC Annual Conference Briefing

Tim Smothers gave a slide show on major items presented at the NSGIC Annual Conference. Major topics discussed included The National Map, I-Team Initiative, GeoDATA Alliance, State Summaries Document, Federal Partners: FGDC, Census Bureau, HUD, US DOT, and NGS, the NASA Broad Agency Announcement, and Cadastral Integration. There was additional discussion on several Conference topics.

Action Item: A handout of the slides will be included with the minutes for the Board meeting, will be added to the AGIC web site if technically feasible and can be attached in an E-mail as requested.

VI. AGIC Conference Planning Report

Sally Powers and Gene Trobia gave a brief report on planning activities for the AGIC 2002 Annual GIS Conference. They will be working with other AGIC members to determine a location and other details of planning the conference. Discussion followed on several options for carrying out planning activities and possible locations. Gene also stated that funding for an Imagery Workshop were still available from the Western Governor's Association NASA Grant and could be used for AGIC 2002. Additional reports will be made to the Board as activities proceed.

Action Item: The AGIC Conference Planning committee will begin to plan for the 2002 conference.

VII. Miscellaneous Announcements

- Lee Dexter: NAU GIS Certificate Program was approved for a 10 year period. The certificate would require 18 hours of classes to post-bachelor candidates. The program will admit 7 candidates this semester and 10 more candidates each successive year. Lee also said that a survey will be conducted to determine what to include in the program in order to make it better. It is also anticipated that the program will move to Level I: Internet Certificate, Level II: Core of Degree and Level III: Non-thesis Master of Arts.

- Rick Trapp: New product - 12 - 7 ½ degree quadrangles of Geological Mapping (6 in north Phoenix and 6 in Mesa around the latitude of Cave Creek. It is an ArcGIS product.

- Candace Bogart: Candace reported on attending a National Hydro Data meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Utah and other states are working to map hydrography units to the 5th and 6th code level. USGS Hydrography data set was presented and all federal agencies will use them as a base for water data features.

Tim Smothers announced that Gene Trobia had been elected NSGIC President- Elect at the NSGIC Annual Conference.

VIII. SWUG 2001 Update

Rick Harrington gave a brief update regarding the SWUG 2001 Conference to be held in Tucson, Arizona, October 21-26, 2001. He stated that over 100 attendees had registered for the conference so far. All the vendor booths were sold out. The deadline for early registration is October 1, 2001.

IX. Call to the Public

No Comments.

X. Next Meeting & Location

Next meeting November 1, 2001 at 1:30 pm. Location TBA.

XI. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Rick Trapp and seconded by Leland Dexter. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm

Board Members Present:

Jana Fry
Victor Gass
Richard Oland
Sally B. Powers
M. Candace Bogart
Gregory Tuttle
Tim Smothers

Rick Harrington
Leland R. Dexter
Jack Johnson

Alternate's:

G. Wayne Rich
Gary Irish
Steve Frys
Gene Trobia
Susan Kanzlerr
Richard Trapp
Don Worley

Additional Participants:

Seth L. Franzman
Ed Green
Linda Zellmer
Julie Hoff
Dale Steele
Jim Riedman
Marta Dent
David Minton
Peter Bunett

Proxy:

Gene Trobia for Dena Gambrel
Gene Trobia for Craig Wissler